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The CIA did not appeal this action.

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FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City — MICROFILM

SUBJECT: [AQUATIC] Use of the VLS-2 Trigger Device at the [LIERODE] Basehouse

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action: Paragraph 4.

Reference: HMMA-22307, para 5.c.

1. The VLS-2 Trigger Device, installed at the [LIERODE] basehouse to cover the Consulate entrance, is performing well with little false triggering. The 500mm lens on the VLS-2 had to be replaced by the 6 inch lens for wider target coverage.

2. During the first two weeks of operation, the VLS-2 would trigger traffic entering and leaving the target entrance. Concerned with the consumption of film and the necessity of reloading the camera twice daily, [L-22] devised a system whereby the VLS-2 would only photograph people leaving but not entering the target building. [L-22's] system works about 80 percent of the time, cutting film consumption considerably. [L-22] had been focusing the VLS-2 on the white framed glass door so that when targets entered or departed this area the targets would cross this field and trigger the device. (See Enclosure A for the VLS-2 area of coverage). Since one side of the door was not closed and targets could walk into this office, the VLS-2 was focused on the shade area of this entrance instead of the door. It was found that since Mexicans generally wear dark colored clothing and have black hair, they can pass into the office without triggering the VLS-2. When a person leaves by

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Enclosures:
A. Area Coverage
B. Results of Testing
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this entrance, the man's shirt or face will trigger the device photographing a front or side view depending on how the subject leaves the entrance. This system does not work when a person enters the building with light clothing.

3. [L-22] used the K-100 with a 152mm lens for one day, turning in 10 fee of 16mm film. (See Enclosure B for the results of this testing.) The Robot Star and the Telyt 400mm lens are now being used with the VLS-2 on this project. (See Enclosure C for this coverage.) The Robot Star camera which was given to [L-22] with the VLS-2 broke down after 4 days of photographing. [PARMUTH] replaced this with another Robot. Five days later the second camera failed to advance properly. In both cases the spring would not advance the film for more than 15 exposures at a full winding. Both cameras given to [L-22] were 55 shot Robot Stars.

4. It is requested that a substitute camera be shipped to the Station as soon as possible to replace the Robot Star camera on this project. The camera should have a motor or sping to advance the film and should be mounted on the Telyt 400mm lens and supplied with a proper focusing housing if different from those that are used with the Telyt lens.

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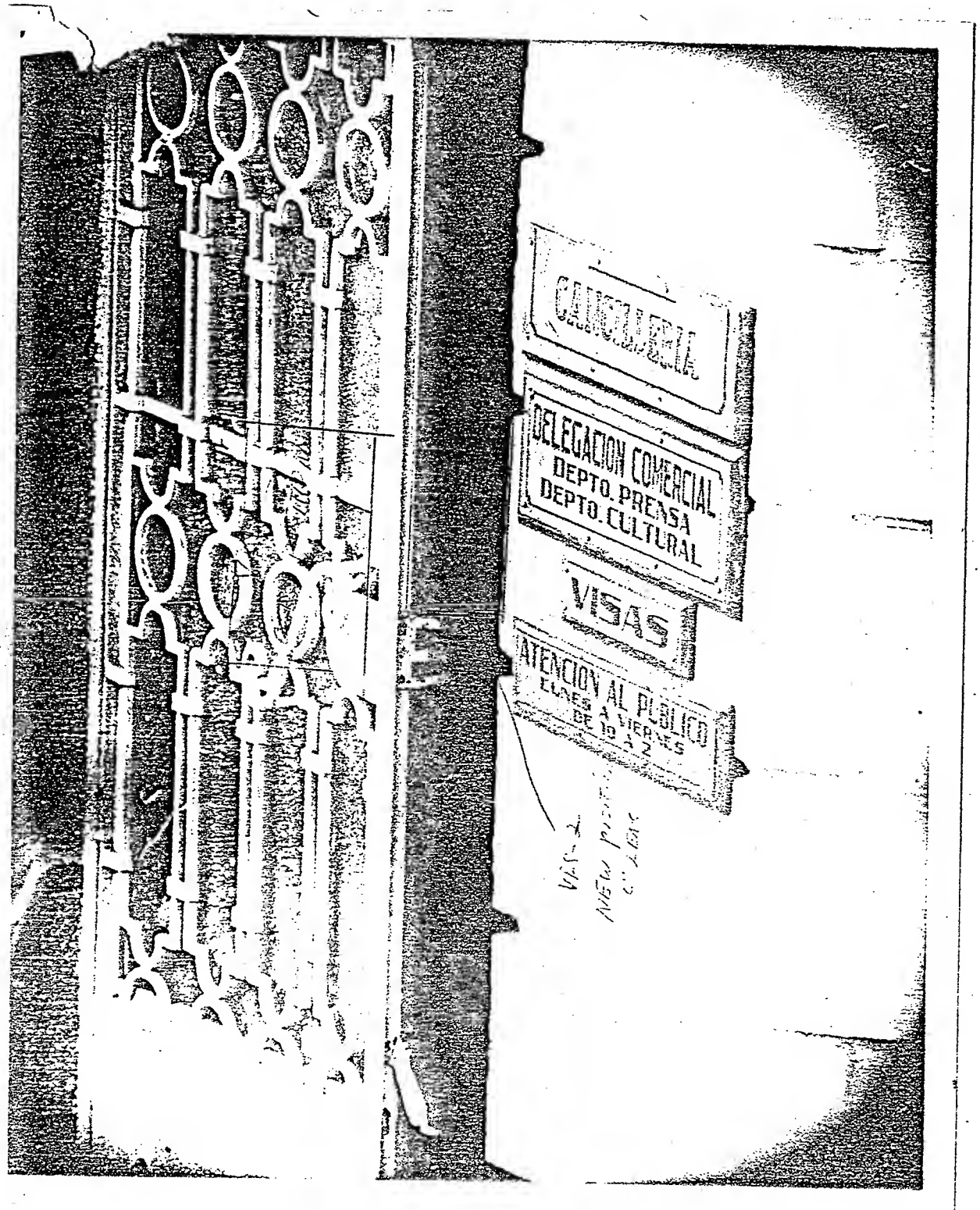

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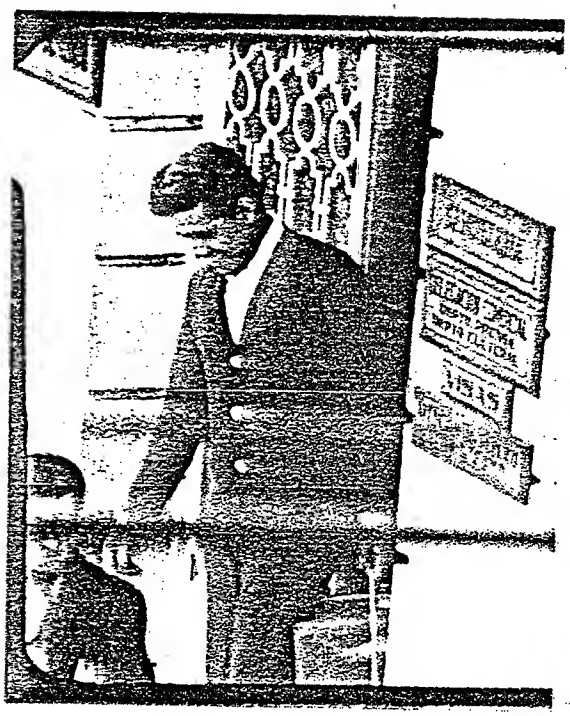
VLS-2 area of coverage.



Enclosure B to HDMA-22433, 7 November 1963

Taken with K-100 with 152 mm lens using 16 mm film.

Enclosure C to HMMA-22433, 7 November 1963

Taken with the Robot Star and Telyt 400 mm lens.